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SUBJECT: US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION: SOVIET ATTENDANCE
----- AT EIGHTH LUNAR SCIENCE CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON
----- (04.03.02)

REF: 1) MOSCOW 2408, 2) MOSCOW 2423

FOR SCICOUN FROM ZOOK

1. NASA PLANS TO COVER LOCAL STAY FOR DELEGATION, INCLUDING SIDORENKO, UNDER NASA/ACADEMY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR HOUSTON CONFERENCE AND SCHEDULED VISITS (PARAS 4 OF REF-TELS). WEEK OF MARCH 21-25 WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR VISITS.

2. NASA IS AWARE OF INDIVIDUAL INVITATIONS TO SURKOV TO
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VISIT CAL TECH AND JPL, AND WILL INCLUDE ENTIRE DELEGATION ON THESE VISITS. HOWEVER, NASA NOT AWARE OF ANY INVITATION TO VISIT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND DUKE DISCLAIMS ISSUING ANY INVITATIONS FOR POST-CONFERENCE VISITS (PARA 1 OF REFTTEL 2). COULD SCICOUN PLEASE QUERY INTERKOSMOS ON DETAILS OF INVITATION EXTENDED TO VISIT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AS THIS INFORMATION NEEDED BEFORE VISIT CAN BE CONSIDERED.

3. NASA OF COURSE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING RECIPROCITY FOR THESE VISITS, AND WHEN YOU NEXT DISCUSS THEM AT INTERKOSMOS PLEASE INFORM SOVIETS OF THE FOLLOWING:

4. NASA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR SPACE SCIENCES DR. NOEL HINNERS WILL BE IN EUROPE BEFORE OR AFTER COSPAR JUNE SESSION AND WOULD FIND IT CONVENIENT TO TRAVEL TO USSR IF ANY OF FOLLOWING ITINERARIES COULD BE ARRANGED:

----- (A) VISIT APPROPRIATE INSTITUTE(S) TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR FUTURE MISSIONS TO VENUS (FYI NASA STUDYING VENUS ORBITER MISSION WITH IMAGING RADAR AND WISHES TO DISCUSS SOVIET PLANS AND INTENTIONS IN THIS AREA FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE WILL NOT DUPLICATE MISSION. NASA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION. END FYI);

----- (B) VISIT FACILITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION OF LUNOKHOD MISSIONS;

----- (C) VISIT RATAN-600 FACILITY LOCATED AT ZELENCHU-SKAYA IN NORTH CAUCASUS WHICH SOVIETS DESCRIBE AS WORLD'S BIGGEST RADIO TELESCOPE.

----- (D) VISIT 6-METER (236-INCH) OPTICAL TELESCOPE, THE WORLD'S LARGEST, ALSO LOCATED AT ZELENCHUKSKAYA.

5. REQUEST FLIGHT AND ARRIVAL TIME OF SOVIET DELEGATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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